

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 967

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to congratulate John Decker upon receiving the White House Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and the *Robertson County Times* Citizen of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, John Decker, the esteemed Mayor of White House, is the 2010 winner of the White House Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and was also named 2010 *Robertson County Times* Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Decker is an astute and dedicated community leader who has earned the respect of his peers and the citizens he serves for the exemplary quality of his work and the unwavering commitment of his time and energies; and

WHEREAS, beginning his illustrious career of public service in 1980, Mr. Decker served on White House's Citizens Board and Board of Zoning and Appeal before beginning his sixteen-year tenure with the Planning Commission, which he served eight years as Chairman; he also served as Alderman in 1989; and

WHEREAS, an experienced and able leader, in his more than five years as mayor, John Decker has proven instrumental in protecting local business and assets, removing politics from city operations, and empowering the citizens' advisory boards; he has also focused his energies on economic development; and

WHEREAS, the greater White House community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of John Decker; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mr. Decker who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John Decker for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in White House; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor John Decker upon receiving the White House Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award as well as the *Robertson County Times* Citizen of the Year Award, commend his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.